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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE ACTIVE AND PERCEPTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY YOU IN THE MV AVA CASE AND IN OUR MUTUAL CONSIDERATION OF THE "BOAT CASE" PROBLEM GENERALLY. WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE NECESSITY TO RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN PROCESSING THOSE CASES ELIGIBLE FOR THE U.S. PROGRAM.

2. REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON US BY THE CONGRESS BEFORE FINAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MOVEMENT CAN BE GIVEN (I.E., SECURITY CLEARANCES AND SPONSOR VERIFICATION) HAVE CREATED SOME DELAYS.

3. WE HAVE NOW VERIFIED FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AND SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR TWO FAMILIES: LUU GIAU (6) AND NGUYEN QUANG

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MINH (7) . USCC IS URGENTLY SEEKING SPONSORSHIPS FOR BOTH.

WE HAD HOPED TO COMPLETE THIS BY THE WEEKEND . THE DELAY
ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT THESE MUST BE FINANCIALLY
RELIABLE SPONSORSHIPS AND WE ARE TRYING TO LOCATE THEM NEAR
THE REFUGEES' RELATIVES PRESENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES.

4. IN LUU GIAU'S CASE, FOR INSTANCE, THIS IS THE SMALL
COMMUNITY OF SANFORD NORTH CAROLINA. SEVERAL CHURCH
GROUPS IN SANFORD ARE INTERESTED AND WE HOPE FOR AN EARLY
ANSWER.

5. IF WE CANNOT COMPLETE SPONSORSHIPS EARLY NEXT WEEK, WE
CAN CONSIDER RESETTLING THESE FAMILIES QUICKLY BY PLACING
THEM ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS RESPECT, WE
WOULD BE GUIDED BY YOUR JUDGEMENT AS TO HOW UNDERSTAND-
ING HKG CAN BE OF THIS PROCESS, AND WHETHER FURTHER DELAY
WOULD ENDANGER THEIR FUTURE COOPERATION.

6. WE WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO
PROCESSING OTHER MV AVA CASES AND COMPLETING ACTION ON
THOSE FOUND ELIGIBLE. ROGERS

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